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## SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF SAN LUIS OBISPO

JUVENILE DEPENDENCY EMERGENCY ORDERS IN RESPONSE TO COVID-19 PANDEMIC **EMERGENCY ORDER NO. 20-26** 

REGARDING EXTENDED TIME PERIODS FOR HEARINGS DURING STATE OF EMERGENCY

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic leading to federal, state, and local declarations of a State of Emergency, and pursuant to its authority under San Luis Obispo County Superior Court Administrative Order No. 20-01 and the General Orders re: Implementation of Emergency Relief Authorized Pursuant to Government Code Section 68115 by Chair of Judicial Council, and the Honorable Jacquelyn H. Duffy, dated December 18, 2020, the Court hereby makes the following Order regarding petitions and hearings pursuant to Welfare and Institutions Code sections 313, 315, and 334.

- 1. The purpose of this Order is to protect the health and safety of juvenile dependency involved youth, their families, and the general public by limiting the number of days that hearings are held on the juvenile dependency calendar.
- 2. The Court finds that, for purposes of computing time under Welfare and Institutions Code sections 313, 315, and 334, December 21, 2020 to January 15, 2021 inclusive, are deemed holidays because the emergency conditions prevent the Court from conducting proceedings or accepting filings as necessary to satisfy these deadlines on those dates.
- 3. Specifically with respect to section 313 of the Welfare and Institutions Code, the Court finds that the time period within which a minor taken into custody pending dependency proceedings must be released from custody, is hereby EXTENDED to not more than seven (7) days, applicable only to minors for whom the statutory deadline otherwise would expire from December 21, 2020 to January 15, 2021, inclusive.
- 4. Specifically with respect to section 315 of the Welfare and Institutions Code, the Court finds that the time period within which a minor taken into custody pending dependency proceedings must be given a detention hearing, is hereby EXTENDED to not more than seven (7) days, applicable only to minors for whom the statutory deadline otherwise would expire from December 21, 2020 to January 15, 2021, inclusive.
- 5. Specifically with respect to section 334 of the Welfare and Institutions Code, the Court finds that the time period within which a hearing on a juvenile dependency petition must be held, is hereby EXTENDED such that a hearing must be held within not more than fifteen (15) days after the statutory deadline, applicable only to minors for whom the statutory deadline otherwise would expire from December 21, 2020 to January 15, 2021, inclusive.

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- 6. The Department of Social Services may file a petition to declare a minor a dependent child, or calendar a detention or jurisdiction hearing, within these extended time periods.
- 7. THIS ORDER IS EFFECTIVE AS OF DECEMBER 21, 2020, AND THROUGH JANUARY 15, 2021, AND MAY BE AMENDED AS CIRCUMSTANCES REQUIRE.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dated: December 18, 2020

CHARLES S. CRANDALL

Presiding Juvenile Judge of the Superior Court